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SUBJ: PRESS BRIEFING - AMERICANS IN LIBYA

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF AMERICANS LEAVING LIBYA AS RESULT OF NATIONALIZATIONS OF OIL COMPANIES. END UNCLASSIFIED
 2. FYI BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE INTERESTS OF COMPANIES FOR USG SPOKESMAN TO CONFIRM DEPARTURES FOR THIS REASON EVEN IF TRUE. THEY WANT TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THEY ABANDONING THEIR INTERESTS HERE. MEANWHILE, OF COURSE, MANY COMPANY EMPLOYEES ARE STILL OUT OF COUNTRY ON SUMMER LEAVES, AND MAY NOT RETURN FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF FAMILIES.
 3. AT LAST COUNT (JUNE) THERE WERE 2400 AMERICANS IN LIBYA. WE NOW ESTIMATE THE NUMBER IS NO MORE THAN 2,000. ENROLLMENT AT OIL CO. SCHOOL WHICH REOPENED SEPT 3 IS DOWN FROM ABOUT 750 TO A LITTLE OVER 400, BUT IS EXPECTED TO RISE SLIGHTLY.
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